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State Health Department Schedules Basic Care Workgroup Meeting

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health's Basic Care Workgroup will meet Friday, July 20, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 212 on the second floor of the State Capitol Judicial Wing in Bismarck, N.D. The public is invited and will have opportunities to provide comments during the meeting.

The workgroup has been convened as a result of legislation passed by the 60th Legislative Assembly. House Bill 1488 requires the Department of Health to consult with representatives of basic care facilities in the development and implementation of a two-tiered system of identifying areas of noncompliance with health portions of basic care surveys. The Department of Health's Division of Health Facilities is responsible for conducting surveys of various health facilities in the state, including basic care facilities. The Basic Care Workgroup is composed of basic care facility providers from across the state and Division of Health Facilities personnel.

Topics to be discussed are listed on the following agenda:

10:00 a.m.	Introduction of participants
10:05 a.m.	Opportunity for public comment
10:10 a.m.	Review Department of Health mission and purpose of the workgroup
10:20 a.m.	Establish meeting ground rules
10:25 a.m.	Report on research from other states
10:30 a.m.	Discussion/questions
11:30 a.m.	Lunch on your own
12:30 p.m.	Continue discussion/questions
2:30 p.m.	Opportunity for public comment
2:50 p.m.	Next steps
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn

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